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Honorable Richard H. Ichord, Chairman
Committee on Internal Security
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your request for the views of this Agency on H. R. 8865, "To amend the Internal Security Act of 1950 to establish a Central Security Review Office for the coordination of loyalty and security programs administered by Federal executive agencies." We are formulating our views and will send you our comments as soon as they have been appropriately coordinated within the Executive Branch.

Sincerely,

/s/ W. E. Colby
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1. Mr. Colby	7/6	7/7	WCC/b/p	<p>Attached for your signature is an acknowledgment of Chairman Ichord's (House Internal Security Committee) 2 July request for Agency views on H. R. 8865.</p> <p>The bill establishes a central office for coordinating and administering Federal personnel loyalty and security programs.</p> <p>We are in the process of coordinating an Agency position on the proposal. In the past, our position has been to request an exemption from such legislation on the basis of conflict with the Director's statutory authority regarding tenure and statutory responsibility for protecting intelligence sources and methods.</p> <p>Usually we acknowledge receipt of requests for our views on legislation since clearance of our reports to Congress through OMB sometimes is an interminable process.</p> <p>Generally acknowledgments have been signed by this office, and we will continue to do this if this is your wish.</p>  Acting Legislative Counsel
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